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Health History Questionnaire (HHQ) Distribution

#### PURPOSE:

To ensure patients are provided with the Health History Questionnaire (HHQ) upon assignment of a primary care physician. This form will provide the PCP with invaluable information on the historical care of the patient, as well as provide a guideline for further treatment.

#### POLICY:

The ACS Phone Center or Panel Management staff will provide patients with a copy of the Health History Questionnaire upon assignment of a new PCP clinic visit. This form will be distributed either in person (via the Panel Management office), or via U.S. mail along with the patients scheduled appointment letter (Panel Management or Phone Center offices).

#### PROCEDURE:

#### **Phone Center Encounters**

#### 1. Establishment of new Primary Care Physician

Phone Center staff will identify if the patient in question is a new patient of SJGH via the ONE-CALL system using the 'Patient Schedule' screen.

#### 2. Notification of HHQ to patient at appointment issuance

Once Phone Agents have provided an appointment for new patient establishment, the agent will notify the patient of the HHQ via the following script:

"Your new primary care physician would like you to complete a Health History questionnaire to assess your medical history in a complete manner. I will send you a copy of this form in your appointment letter. Please take the time to fill out the form and bring it along with you to your scheduled appointment date."

#### 3. Issuing of HHQ with mailed appointment letter

The Phone Agent will attach a copy of the HHQ Form along with the clinic appointment letter and mail to the patient by Close of Business (COB).

#### Panel Management Encounters

#### 1. Establishment of New Primary Care Physician

Panel Management staff will identify if a patient requires a new patient appointment at time of visit to Panel Management office, or via a phone-call from either the patient

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#### **Establishment of New Primary Care Physician (continued)**

or Inpatient/ER unit at time of dismissal. This will be completed using the ONE-CALL system and the 'Patient Schedule' screen located within the program.

#### 2. Notification of HHQ to patient at appointment issuance

Once Panel Management staff has provided an appointment for new patient establishment, the agent will notify the patient of the HHQ via the following script:

"Your new primary care physician would like you to complete a Health History questionnaire to assess your medical history in a complete manner. I will provide you a copy of this form with your appointment letter. Please take the time to fill out the form and bring it along with you to your scheduled appointment date."

\*if the appointment is provided to an Inpatient HUC/ER Unit clerk instead of a patient, the HHQ will be sent along with the patient appointment letter.

#### 4. Issuing of HHQ with mailed appointment letter

The Panel Management agent will attach a copy of the HHQ Form along with the clinic appointment letter if the patient is in the Panel Management Office, or attach and mail the HHQ form to the patient by COB if the appointment is give via a phone call.

Authors:

ACS Panel Management

Approvals:

San Joaquin County Community Clinic Board

CC:

All Hospital Departments

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#### Hypoglycemia Protocol

Hypoglycemia Protocol Blood glucose less than or equal to 70 mg per dL

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Blood sugar >70 mg/dL AND patient is NOT symptomatic	No treatment necessary		
Blood sugar 70-100 mg/dL AND patient is symptomatic	1. Administer 15 grams of glucose gel  If glucose gel is not available, choose one of the following:  4 oz. of any juice by mouth  4 oz. soda  3 graham crackers		
	6 saltine crackers  2. Recheck blood sugar if more than 30 minutes until next meal, snack.		
Blood sugar <70 mg/dL AND patient is alert	Administer 20 grams of glucose gel  If glucose gel is not available, choose one of the		
	following:  • 6 oz. of any juice by mouth  • 6 oz. of soda		
	<ol> <li>Recheck blood sugar in 15 minutes.</li> <li>If blood sugar still &lt;70mg/mL, repeat step 1 and 3.</li> </ol>		
Blood sugar < 45 mg/dL AND patient is alert	Administer 30 grams of glucose gel		
	If glucose gel is not available, choose one of the following:  • 8 oz. of any juice by mouth  • 8 oz. of soda  • 30 grams of glucose gel  2. Recheck blood sugar in 15 minutes.  3. If blood sugar still <70 mg/dL, repeat step 1 and		
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Hypoglycemia Protocol

#### Desired blood sugar level:

Recheck blood sugar every 15 minutes until blood sugar is 70 mg/dL or greater and without symptoms.

#### Notify physician if:

• Blood glucose is <70 mg/dL.

#### If patient is not alert or responsive:

Notify Physician AND transfer patient to the Emergency Room

Authors:

ACS Administration

References:

SJGH Insulin Sliding Scale Order American Diabetes Association

**NCQA Standard** 

Approvals: San Joaquin General Hospital Medical Executive Committee

San Joaquin County Community Clinic Board

CC: All Hospital Departments

#### **Project Abstract**

#### **Population Served**

San Joaquin County (SJC), San Joaquin County Health Care Services Agency (SJCHCSA), San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) and San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC) have for over 150 years served the residents of San Joaquin County. As the county "safety net" provider, these county entities provide access to health care for the uninsured, underinsured and low income population residing within San Joaquin County. While the hospital and majority of clinics are located in the City of Stockton and the unincorporated community of French Camp, residents from throughout the county seek health care as there are limited facilities that serve these populations in many sectors of the county. The county is rich in livestock and agriculture; patients served include migrant seasonal farm workers, their families and unskilled and limited skilled labor force. County agencies have reached out to patients with limited education and/or understanding of wellness, health prevention and chronic disease maintenance with the purpose of decreasing morbidity and mortality.

In the spring of 2012, the City of Stockton filed for bankruptcy, the largest community in California to do so. In addition to the existing 13.6% unemployment rate for the county, after the bankruptcy filing, many city jobs were lost.

#### **Summary of Organizational Structure**

The San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC) is a California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation 501(c)(3) seeking an applicant /co-applicant FQHC-LAL designation. The County is the public agency with SJCC serving as the private agency for this designation. Collectively, these organizations meet all HRSA Section 330 requirements for FQHC-LAL designation. SJCC currently operates two clinics in Stockton and three clinics in the community of French Camp. Clinics provide primary care to patients of all age groups, from prenatal care to centurions. SJCC is governed by a community Board of Directors representing the patient population in regards to gender, race and ethnicity. The Board is designed for 11 members; there are two current vacancies, designated for Hispanic members. The current Board is comprised of 9 members: 6 users and 3 non-users; 3 male and 6 females; 2 Hispanic (2 vacancies in this category); 3 White; 2 Blacks; and 1 Asian.

#### **Brief History of the Organization**

SJCC's organizational structure began with the Board of Supervisors granting initial authority to develop an ambulatory primary care system to serve the disenfranchised and /or low income population in a FQHC-LAL designated group of clinics in 2010. In 2011 the clinics incorporated under California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation and in 2012, the clinics received 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt status. Previously, these clinics operated under San Joaquin General Hospital. San Joaquin County has an independent Family Medicine training program, affiliated with the University of California, Davis Medical School, with one of the clinics providing a clinical training site for the residents. The County has lead in the implementation of the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) to provide health coverage for the uninsured that were previously not eligible for other public insurance programs as part of California's "Bridge to Reform" Section 1115 Waiver

Since 2011, as part of a collaborative with the Health Plan of San Joaquin, Community Medical Centers, and SJC Behavioral Health Services, the clinics have participated in a TIDES Foundation grant for the development of a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH). The PCMH model has been implemented and the clinics are working towards NCQA recognition. In September of 2012, the clinics received NCQA recognition for their Diabetes care management program.

#### Health care needs

Located in California's Central Valley, much of the health care needs of the clinic population are related to chronic diseases of diabetes, hypertension, obesity, depression or other mental illnesses related to low income status. Spanish is the most frequently spoken language other than English with 22% of the counties' population being foreign born. Much of this population suffers from untreated or undertreated chronic diseases. The Valley has historically had a greater rate of unemployment than the state and in October 2012 was 16.5%.

#### Services provided

SJCC clinics provide primary care to patients of all age groups, from prenatal care to centurions in five clinic locations. Patients receive care regardless of their insurance status and/or ability to pay for health care services. Specifically, SJCC directly provides the following services: general primary medical care; screenings for cancer and communicable diseases; cholesterol and blood lead test for elevated blood leas level; pediatric vision, hearing and dental examinations; voluntary family planning; immunizations; well child services; gynecological care; obstetric care; prenatal and perinatal care; counseling/assessment referral and follow-up; health education; outreach; translation and substance abuse services. SJCC refers patient in need of the following services to other community providers: diagnostic laboratory and x-ray is referred to SJGH; behavioral health, substance abuse for residential treatment and rehabilitation are referred to SJCHCSA; emergency medical services are referred to the emergency department of SJGH; and specialty medical services are referred to SJGH specialty clinics and providers. Oral health treatments are referred to Community Medical Center's dental clinic and University of Pacific, School of Dentistry.

#### **Providers, Locations, Encounters & Patients**

SJCC's are staffed by multi-cultural and multi-lingual providers and support staff. Primary health care providers include the following staff: 12.5 FTE General Practice; 4.5 FTE OB/GYN; 5.0 FTE Pediatrician; 4.3 FTE Family Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistants. SJCC anticipates an additional 3.0 FTE to be added by the end of the project period. Much of this projected staffing increase will be the result of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and enrolling currently uninsured population in the counties new Low Income Health Program (LIHP) comprehensive health coverage programs. SJCC provides a "medical home" to the uninsured, underinsured and low income population seeking access to healthcare at any of the five clinic sites. SJCC has provided access to primary health care to 28,796 patients and 71,990 billable visits in 2011.

SJCC's Healthy Beginnings at both the Stockton and French Camp locations provide obstetric and gynecological care; SJCC –Primary Medicine Clinic's are located in both communities. The SJCC-Children's Health Service provides pediatric care in the Stockton location and the SJCC - Family Medicine Clinic is located in French Camp. These clinics provide pediatric, women's health and general primary care medical care.

San Joaquin General Hospital Healthy Beginnings French Camp (#7183)			
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results			
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results		Fiscal	Estimate
	November	Year-to-Date	Collection
	2012	Total	Rates
Medicare	8,635	36,903	29.28
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	76,258	366,635	19.88
Medi-Cal Managed Care	52,068	290,449	14.10
Insurance	2,804	25,043	62.96
Self Pay	2,461	12,227	65.47
Indigent	39,793	168,362	2.99
			2.77
Gross Revenue	\$ 182,019	\$ 899,619	
Contractual/Bad Debt/Charity	152,423	746,167	·
Estimated Net Revenue	29,596	153,452	
% of Gross Revenue	16.3%	17.1%	· · ·
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RNs	9,700	49,536	
LVNs	563	2,513	
Aides & Orderlies	10,224	48,838	
Clerical	1,647	22,564	***
Non-Physician Medical Pract	5,362	21,938	
her Salaries	8,530	8,530	
mporary Nurse Staffing	40	220	
Temporary Staffing	*	-	
Total Salaries	36,066	154,139	
Benefits	17 102	71 902	
	17,103	71,823	
As a % of Salaries	47.4%	46.6%	
Total Salaries and Benefits	53,169	225,962	
Physician Compensation	73,002	73,002	
Supplies	1,257	1,257	
Purchased Services	1,761	5,329	
Other Direct Expense	1,077	5,289	and the second s
Depreciation	465	2,532	
Total Expenses	130,731	313,371	
Operating Income	\$ (101,135)	\$ (159,919)	
Payor Mix			
<u>Payor Mix</u> Medicare	4.7%	4.1%	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	41.9%	40.8%	
	28.6%	32.3%	
di-Cal Managed Care	1.5%	2.8%	
Insurance Solf Pay			
Self Pay	1.4%	1.4%	1
Indigent Total	21.9% 100.0%	18.7% 100.0%	1

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San Joaquin Géneral Hospital		
Proposed FQHC Cost Centers - Consolidation		
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
		Fiscal
	November	Year-to-Date
	2012	Total
Medicare	126,197	716,554
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	275,886	1,500,524
Medi-Cal Managed Care	513,306	3,174,550
Insurance	19,559	104,618
Self Pay	46,623	238,462
Indigent	452,489	2,561,272
Gross Revenue	\$ 1,434,060	\$ 8,295,980
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Contractual/Bad Debt/Charity	1,251,272	7,244,825
Estimated Net Revenue	182,788	1,051,155
% of Gross Revenue	12.7%	12.7%
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RNs	36,330	204,336
LVNs	15,303	84,779
Aides & Orderlies	88,304	471,053
Clerical	12,389	76,769
Non-Physician Medical Pract	33,973	143,500
'her Salaries	17,060	17,060
- mporary Nurse Staffing	14,409	88,915
Temporary Staffing	4,388	19,138
Total Salaries	222,156	1,105,550
10tal Salaries	222,130	1,103,330
Benefits	151,961	651,613
As a % of Salaries	68.4%	58.9%
Total Salaries and Benefits	374,117	1,757,163
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Physician Compensation	466,827	2,222,630
Supplies	10,246	90,182
Purchased Services	5,313	24,694
Other Direct Expense	12,035	63,181
Depreciation	3,955	19,696
Total Expenses	872,493	4,177,546
Operating Income	\$ (689,705)	\$ (3,126,391)
Payor Mix		0.60
Medicare	8.8%	8.6%
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	19.2%	18.1%
di-Cal Managed Care	35.8%	38.3%
Insurance	1.4%	1.3%
Self Pay	3.3%	2.9%
Indigent	31.6%	30.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

San Joaquin General Hospital			
Children's Health Services (#7080)			
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results			
		Fiscal	Estimate
	November	Year-to-Date	Collectio
	2012	Total	Rates
Medicare	-	-	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	66,477	432,794	26.029
Medi-Cal Managed Care	200,412	1,397,593	12.699
Insurance	4,129	26,769	41.069
Self Pay	218	3,068	46.319
Indigent	0	<u>0</u>	
Gross Revenue	\$ 271,236	\$ 1,860,224	
Contractual/Bad Debt/Charity	226,710	1,557,844	
Estimated Net Revenue	44,526	302,380	
% of Gross Revenue	16.4%	16.3%	
RNs	12,740	77,506	
LVNs	3,642	15,779	
Aides & Orderlies	17,615	93,541	
Clerical	4,709	23,633	
Non-Physician Medical Pract	16,425	44,916	
^ her Salaries		-	
inporary Nurse Staffing	*	-	
Temporary Staffing	-	-	
Total Salaries	55,131	255,375	
Benefits	47,059	200,980	
As a % of Salaries	85.4%	78.7%	
Total Salaries and Benefits	102,190	456,355	
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Physician Compensation	91,053	433,934	
Supplies	2,458	23,221	
Purchased Services	1,761	5,239	
Other Direct Expense	1,630	7,691	
Depreciation	395	1,973	
Total Expenses	199,487	928,413	
Operating Income	\$ (154,961)	\$ (626,033)	
Payor Mix			
Medicare ,	0%	0%	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service il author families	24.5%	23.3%	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service Healthy familian di-Cal Managed Care (HPSS & Mathem)	73.9%	75.1%	
ınsurance	1.5%	1.4%	
Self Pay	0.1%	0.2%	
Indigent	0.0%	0.0%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	

San Joaquin General Hospital			
Family Medicine (#7092)			
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results			
		Fiscal	Estimated
<del></del>	November	Year-to-Date	Collection
	2012	Total	Rates
Medicare	55,095	323,791	19.46%
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	35,179	196,775	20.52%
Medi-Cal Managed Care	113,768	664,472	11.66%
Insurance	4,928	26,553	42.34%
Self Pay	22,336	110,121	44.52%
Indigent	144,149	890,695	1.49%
Gross Revenue	\$ 375,455	\$ 2,212,407	
Contractual/Bad Debt/Charity	330,071	1,958,002	
Estimated Net Revenue	45,384	254,405	
% of Gross Revenue	12.1%	11.5%	
7. O. Group Revenue	12.170	11.570	
RNs	747	812	
LVNs	4,189	30,865	
Aides & Orderlies	22,881	119,528	
Clerical	,	-	
Non-Physician Medical Pract	-	_	
her Salaries	_		
- Imporary Nurse Staffing	4,118	76,306	
Temporary Staffing	4,388	19,138	
Total Salaries	36,323	246,649	
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Benefits	26,467	109,543	į
As a % of Salaries	72.9%	44.4%	
Total Salaries and Benefits	62,790	356,192	
Physician Compensation	128,826	864,393	
Supplies	3,194	28,833	
Purchased Services	60	8,977	
Other Direct Expense	6,483	32,651	
Depreciation	2,158	10,198	
Total Expenses	203,511	1,301,244	
Operating Income	\$ (158,127)	\$ (1,046,839)	
Payor Mix			
Medicare	14.7%	14.6%	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	9.4%	8.9%	
di-Cal-Managed Care	30.3%	30.0%	
Insurance	1.3%	1.2%	
Self Pay	5.9%	5.0%	
Indigent	38.4%	40.3%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	

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Primary Medicine (#7096)			
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results	-		
		Fiscal	Estimated
L	November	Year-to-Date	Collection
	2012	Total	Rates
Medicare	61,922	346,838	15.69%
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	21,929	100,625	20.15%
Medi-Cal Managed Care	97,203	515,528	10.96%
Insurance	5,926	18,151	10.23%
Self Pay	21,134	111,538	52.19%
Indigent	266,077	1,491,258	0.96%
Gross Revenue	\$ 474,191	\$ 2,583,938	
Contractual/Bad Debt/Charity	435,213	2,378,357	
Estimated Net Revenue	38,978	205,581	
% of Gross Revenue	8.2%	8.0%	
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RNs	6,534	30,542	
LVNs	4,268	20,465	
Aides & Orderlies	26,360	139,890	
Clerical	963	7,298	
Non-Physician Medical Pract	6,213	43,578	
her Salaries	-		
mporary Nurse Staffing	7,591	9,319	
Temporary Staffing	-	-	
Total Salaries	51,929	251,092	
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Benefits	33,727	145,020	
As a % of Salaries	64.9%	57.8%	
Total Salaries and Benefits	85,656	396,112	
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Physician Compensation	134,874	661,366	
Supplies	1,324	15,348	
Purchased Services	1,0201	-	
Other Direct Expense	877	4,570	
Depreciation Depreciation	336	1,956	
Total Expenses	223,067	1,079,352	
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Operating Income	\$ (184,089)	\$ (873,771)	
Payor Mix			
Medicare	13.1%	13.4%	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	4.6%	3.9%	
di-Cal-Managed-Care	20.5%	20.0%	
Insurance	1.2%	0.7%	
Self Pay	4.5%	4.3%	
Indigent	56.1%	57.7%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	***************************************

San Joaquin General Hospital			
Healthy Beginnings California Street (#7182)			
November 2012 Preliminary Financial Results			
<u> </u>		Fiscal	Estimated
	November	Year-to-Date	Collection
	2012	Total	Rates
Medicare	545	9,022	32.74%
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	76,043	403,695	20.57%
Medi-Cal Managed Care	49,855	306,508	13.97%
Insurance	1,772	8,102	55.37%
Self Pay	474	1,508	58.09%
Indigent	2,470	10,957	10.61%
Gross Revenue	\$ 131,159	\$ 739,792	
Contractual/Bad Debt/Charity	106,855	604,454	
Estimated Net Revenue	24,304	135,338	
% of Gross Revenue	18.5%	18.3%	
DAT	6.600	45.040	
RNs	6,609	45,940	
LVNs	2,641	15,157	
Aides & Orderlies	11,224	69,256	•
Clerical	5,070	23,274	
Non-Physician Medical Pract	5,973	33,068	
her Salaries	8,530	8,530	
mporary Nurse Staffing Temporary Staffing	2,660	3,070	
	10.707	100.005	
Total Salaries	42,707	198,295	
Benefits	27,605	124,247	
As a % of Salaries	64.6%	62.7%	
Total Salaries and Benefits	70,312	322,542	
Physician Compensation	20.072	190 025	
Supplies	39,072	189,935   21,523	
Purchased Services	1,731	5,149	
Other Direct Expense	1,968	12,980	
Depreciation	601	3,037	
Total Expenses	115,697	555,166	
Total Expenses	113,097	333,100	
Operating Income	\$ (91,393)	\$ (419,828)	
Payor Mix			
Medicare	0.4%	1.2%	
Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	58.0%	54.6%	
di-Cal Managed Care	38.0%	41.4%	
insurance	1.4%	1.1%	
Self Pay	0.4%	0.2%	
Indigent	1.9%	1.5%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	

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# Panel Management Snapshot (March '12 - Dec '12)

Healthplan of San Joaquin IHA Processing/Submission		
Healthplan of San Joaquin Outpatient PCP Assignments	4,323	
Panel Management Office/Phone Center PCP Establishments	660	
Panel Management Office/Phone Center PCP Change Requests	146	
Panel Management Patient Concerns Received/Processed	181	
PMC Diabetic Titration Appointments Scheduled	953	
FMC Diabetic Education Appointments Scheduled (since Oct '12)	98	
Outside Medical Referrals Received/Processed	4,046	
Internal Specialty Referrals Received/Processed	630	

#### Tasks Completed with the following resources:

Full-Time Supervisor	1
Full-Time OCA's	2
Part-Time Office Workers	5
Retired Office Worker	1

Panel Management is open from 8 am to 5 pm - Monday thru Friday

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Health Resources and Services Administration

Bureau of Primary Health Care Health Center Program

#### Affordable Care Act New Access Point Grants

Announcement Type: New and Supplemental/Revision
Announcement Number: HRSA-13-228

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 93.527

#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Fiscal Year 2013

## Application Due Date in Grants.gov: February 27, 2013

## Supplemental Information Due Date in EHB: April 3, 2013

Ensure your Grants gov registration and passwords are current immediately.

Deadline extensions are not granted for lack of registration.

Registration may take up to one month to complete.

Release Date: January 16, 2013 Issuance Date: January 16, 2013

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Authority: Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b, as amended) and Section 10503 of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148)

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is soliciting applications for New Access Point (NAP) grants under the Health Center Program, authorized by section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b). The FOA details the eligibility requirements, review criteria, and awarding factors for organizations seeking a grant in fiscal year (FY) 2013 for operational support under the Health Center Program.

An important element of HRSA's commitment to improving and expanding access to needed health care services is the support of NAPs for the delivery of primary health care services to underserved and vulnerable populations under the Health Center Program. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, HRSA anticipates awarding approximately \$19 million to support approximately 25 NAP grant awards in FY 2013. Pending the final Health Center Program appropriation funding level, HRSA may adjust the amount of funding and number of awards available under this funding opportunity announcement. This funding opportunity is supported under Section 10503 of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148).

Competitive NAP applications will demonstrate a high level of need in their community/population, present a sound proposal to meet this need consistent with the requirements of the Health Center Program, show that the organization is ready to rapidly initiate the proposal, display responsiveness to the health care environment of the service area, and demonstrate collaborative and coordinated delivery systems for the provision of health care to the underserved. Further, applicants are expected to demonstrate that the new access point(s) will increase access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services, including oral and behavioral health, and improve the health status of underserved and vulnerable populations in the area to be served.

Eligible Applicants (Refer to Section III.1 for detailed information.) Eligible applicants must be public or nonprofit private entities, including tribal, faith-based, and community-based organizations. Applications may be submitted from new organizations or organizations currently receiving operational grant funding under section 330.

Applicants must propose a new access point that:

- a. Provides comprehensive primary medical care as its primary purpose.
- b. Provides services, either directly onsite or through established arrangements, without regard to ability to pay.
- c. Ensures access to services for all individuals in the targeted service area/population.
- d. Provides services at one or more permanent service delivery sites.

Applicants must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of section 330 of the PHS Act, as amended, applicable regulations, and other program requirements. Program requirements are available in <u>Appendix F</u> and at <a href="http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/requirements">http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/requirements</a>.